to make them effective and deterrent; and

(c) if so, by when the guidelines would be amended and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) They are effective enough.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Development of Tourism in Assam

1018. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK RAVARTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount earmarked for the development of tourism in Assam for the year 1990-91; and

(b) what are the new schemes proposed by Government for the development of tourism in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 22.67 lakhs was sanctioned for tourism development in Assam during 1990-91.

(b) The Government of Assam have proposed wayside amenities at five locations, development of tourist facilities at Garam Pani, a Yatri Ni-was, a restaurant, purchase of water sports equipment and a luxury cruise vessel during 1991-92.

Conversion of Guwahati Airport into an International Airport

1019. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAK RAVARTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Guwahati airport into an international Airport in view of its importance in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Senior Scales to Assistants and Stenographers in the Department of Tourism

1020. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the senior stenographers having the pre-revised scale of Rs. 425—**700** in Department of Tourism and other organisations outside the Central Secretariat Service, have been allowed by the Government the new revised scale of Rs. 1640—2900 w.e.f. 1st January, 1986 instead of Rs. **1400—2600** as recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, what has been the justification therefor and the total number of such employees in the Stenographers and Assistants cadres; and

(c) what are the prescribed norms, qualifications, channels of promotions, minimum length of service in a particular grade prescribed for stenographers and assistants of the Department of Tourism after the grant of higher scales of Rs. 1640— 2900 and Rs. 2000—3200 for considering them for promotion to higher post in the Department.

THE MINISTER OF **CIVIL** AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Revised scales of pay have been given in accordance with the instructions laid down by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The number of Assistants are 20 and Senior Stenographers 10.